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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL SONGKHLA 21 JUL REPEATED FOR
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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MUSLIM SEPARATIST CULT APPEARS

1. BANNANG SATA DISTRICT OFFICER TOLD ME JULY 18 THAT POLICE
IN HIS AREA OF YALA PROVINCE HAD JUST ARRESTED 10 THAI MUSLIM
SEPARATISTS BELONGING TO NEW CULT WHOSE MEMBERS BAPTIZE THEM-
SELVES WITH HOLY WATER SUPPOSEDLY MAKING THEM INVULNERABLE TO
BULLETS. LEADER, WHO IS STILL AT LARGE, REPORTEDLY IS MALAYSIAN
FROM KELANTAN. APPEARANCE OF THIS GROUP BOTHERED BANNANG SATA
DO BECAUSE IT IS FIRST RECURRENCE OF SIMILAR GROUP WHICH
PARTICIPATED IN BLOODY MUSLIM REVOLT 20 YEARS AGO.

COMMENT: WITCHDOCTOR CULT AND HOLY WAR FEARS OFTEN EXAGGERATED
BY RTG LOCAL OFFICIALS HERE. HOWEVER, GROUP SHOULD BE WATCHED
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TO SEE IF STRENGTH GROWS. MORE IMMINENT WORRY FOR BANNANG SATA

IS MOVEMENT OF MALAYSIAN COMMUNISTS INTO AREA AS PROTECTORS
FOR WEALTHY CHINESE MERCHANTS, (SONGKHLA 114), WHICH DO CONFIRMED.
MEMCON FOLLOWS. CASTRODALE
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